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Lois Plunkett, Eric Plunkett's stepmother, accompanied by Craig Plunkett, Eric's father, speaks about their loss. (Also pictured are interpreter Steve Walker and assistant professor of English Tonya Stremmlau.

## Hundreds pay tribute to Varner at memorial service

When they entered the Field House February 16 for Benjamin Varner's memorial service, few people knew personally the 19-year-old freshman from San Antonio, Texas. But after almost two hours of tributes and insights about Varner that were given by his family, friends, teachers, religious leaders, and others, everyone knew him when they left.

An audience of over 400 people, including Del. Eleanor Holmes-Norton (D-D.C.), Washington, D.C. Police Chief Charles Ramsey, and the families of Eric Plunkett and Benjamin Varner, was captivated by stories of who Varner was.

Varner's mother, Diane Varner, told a story of her son, who was fascinated with other cultures, especially Islam. "When Ben was 14, we went to a festival," Varner reminisced to reporters at a press conference following the service. "Ben saw a sari and picked one out for me. He wanted me to wear it right then," she said. When she came out of the dressing room wearing the new garment, her son said "Oh, Mom! You look beautiful! And his eyes lit up!" she said.

During the memorial service,

"Everyone was gathered to remember Ben's life, not how he died," according to President I. King Jordan. "Ben lived his life seeking knowledge," Provost Jane Fernandes said. "Knowledge was his friend."

Several students told of how Varner befriended students from other cultures. Sui Cer from Burma told the audience about being in Varner's math class, a class he was mastering, but she was having difficulty with. "I wanted to withdraw from the class, but Ben wouldn't let me. He tutored me." She added, "Ben was very curious about my country. He wanted to visit Burma some day." She also told the audience what Varner's favorite snack was. "Ben loved apples! He ate apples like no one else—all the way to the core," said Cer, holding aloft an apple core to demonstrate how Varner's apples looked when he finished them.

Jamal Al-Naqbi, from the United Arab Emirates, talked about the bond that he and Varner formed through their religion. "Ben and I became friends.

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## Eddie Bauer comes to students' rescue

The death of freshman Benjamin Varner was particularly difficult for the 18 freshmen boys who lived on the fourth floor of Cogswell Hall with him.

Not only was his loss a shock to them and the rest of the Gallaudet community, but due to the ensuing police investigation they weren't allowed to return to their rooms for over two weeks to retrieve their belongings, including books, clothes, toiletries, and personal possessions. Several only had the clothes that were on their backs at the time they evacuated the dorms at 4:15 a.m. on February 1 for the fire alarm that resulted in Varner's body being found.

Thanks to Gallaudet's many friends, including faculty and staff members, the students made it through the difficult time. Stylish clothing manufacturer Eddie Bauer was one such friend who stepped up to the plate. The company shipped each of the 18 students a new sweatshirt and a

pair of Eddie Bauer jeans.

Paul Blakely, administrative assistant for Student Affairs, who distributed the clothing, said it was a great day for the students when the Eddie Bauer shipment arrived. "The students were very pleased and said it was very nice of the Eddie Bauer Company to send the clothes. They needed the clothes badly, and were surprised at the nice quality of the items," said Blakely.

Development Office Director Cathy Sweet-Windham was not surprised by the generosity of Eddie Bauer. "Gallaudet is fortunate to have many friends outside our community," she said. "This showed during the tragedy when we had calls daily from people, companies, and foundations asking how they could help." Sweet-Windham called Eddie Bauer "a wonderful example," and added, "Eddie Bauer has been a long-time supporter of the University."

According to Miranda Bayne,  
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## Distinguished Faculty nominations sought

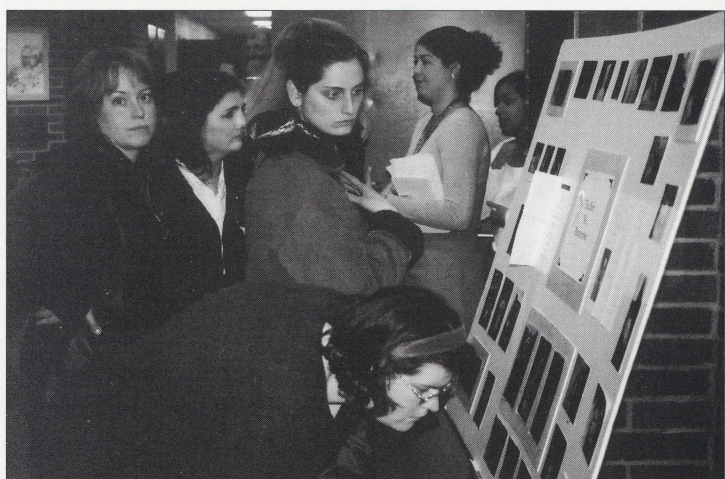
Gallaudet President I. King Jordan is seeking nominations for the University's Distinguished Faculty Award, which recognizes an individual who exemplifies the stature of the entire University faculty.

The individual chosen will be honored both at the President's Scholars dinner in the spring and at commencement, and will be asked to give a lecture or workshop to the campus community during the 2001-2002 academic year. His or her name will be added to the Distinguished Faculty plaque in the Hall

Memorial Building Atrium.

Nominations should be based on excellence in teaching, service and/or scholarship, and nominees should have proven themselves active, contributing members of the Gallaudet community. Nominations should include a brief justification based on the above criteria.

Send nominations, labeled "Distinguished Faculty Award Nomination," to the President's Office no later than March 16. If anyone wishes to reactivate a previous nomination, please make that request in writing.



Mourners look over a board filled with photos from the life of Benjamin Varner at his memorial service in the Field House.

### Distinguished University Faculty:

2000 Dr. Ann Davidson-Powell, Department of Biology  
1999 Dr. Rosemary Weller, Department of Communication Arts  
1998 Dr. Sharon Barnartt and Dr. John Christiansen, Department of Sociology  
1997 Dr. Stephen Chaikind, Department of Economics and Finance  
1996 Dr. Donald Ammons, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures  
1995 Dr. Barry Crouch, Department of History  
1994 Dr. Catherine Andersen, Department of Communication and Developmental Studies  
1993 Dr. Janet Pray, Department of Social Work  
1992 Dr. Yerker Andersson, Department of Sociology  
1991 Dr. John Schuchman, Department of History  
1990 Dr. Mary Malzkun, Department of Government  
1989 Dr. William Marshall, Department of Administration and Supervision  
1987 Dr. Nancy Kensicki, Department of English  
1986 Dr. Anne Butler, Department of History





## LYSISTRATA

Gallaudet's Theatre Arts Department will present Aristophanes' *Lysistrata* on the Elstad Auditorium stage March 30-31 at 8 p.m., April 1 at 2 p.m., and April 6-7 at 8 p.m.

In this classic Greek comedy, Athenian women, fed up with the Peloponnesian War, barricade themselves in the Acropolis and wage a sex strike to force their husbands to vote for peace with Sparta. The script is translated by Douglass Parker, with sign language adaptation by Eric Malzkunn. The play is

directed by Angela Vogler-Farrand.

Full-time Gallaudet students will be admitted free with I.D. Tickets are \$8 for other students (including sign language students), and \$10 for general admission. Box Office hours are: March 26-29, 2-5 p.m.; March 30, 2-8 p.m.; March 31, 5-8 p.m.; April 1, noon-2 p.m.; April 2-5, 2-5 p.m.; April 6, 2-8 p.m.; April 7, 5-8 p.m. To make phone reservations, call x5502 (TTY) or x5500 (Voice), or e-mailjoanne.rackham@gallaudet.edu. **G**

## Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk slated for May 4-6



Mickie Ballotta

Mickie Ballotta, managing director for the local Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk, spoke to members of the campus community recently about participating

in the upcoming fundraiser May 4, 5, and 6. During this time, participants will walk 60 miles—from Frederick, Md., to the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.

According to Ballotta, "Each participant is required to raise \$1,900 in order to participate in the walk. Participants can be male or female, age 17 and up." The event is limited to the first 4,000 people who sign up.

Not everyone who participates walks. "There are hundreds of people who volunteer to hand out water at the pit stops, cook food, carry bags, interpret, and other tasks," Ballotta said.

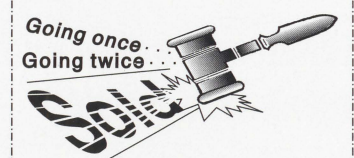
The walk is a first-class affair, with participants treated with the utmost respect. At the end of each day's 20-mile walk, participants have the opportunity to take a hot shower, eat a hot meal, and enjoy entertainment before bunking for the night in a tent. At the camp, there are medical personnel, massage therapists, and chiropractors. Sign language interpreters are provided upon request for walkers, crewmembers, and friends for all the events during the three-day walk.

Last year's walk raised \$6.2 million locally, and \$43 million nationally. Funds go toward increasing access to care for breast cancer victims. They also help fund medical research into possible causes, prevention, treatment, and cures for breast cancer; clinical care; financial assistance and support services for breast cancer survivors, patients, and their families; educational advocacy seminars; and community based non-profit breast health programs nation-

wide.

Last year, Sherry Duhon, assistant director of the Alumni Relations Office, participated in the walk for the first time. "My sister-in-law has breast cancer so it hit close to home," explained Duhon. "The walk was even better than I expected. It was very moving and intense. The bonding with my fellow walkers was incredible. Everyone should experience this at least once in their life."

For more information about the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk, the web address is [www.breastcancer3day.org](http://www.breastcancer3day.org). **G**



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**Check out 'On the Green's' Web version**  
Many of the articles and photographs that appear in each week's issue of *On the Green* can also be read in *On the Green's* Web version, the online version of Gallaudet's faculty/staff newsletter. *On the Green's* Web version can be accessed through the University's homepage.

## AMONG OURSELVES

English professor and artist **Barbara Hardaway** is one of 143 artists from 11 countries participating in "Emotion Pictures: An Exhibition of Orthopedics in Art," at Herbst International Exhibition Hall at the S.F. Presidio in San Francisco, Calif., February 19 through March 20. The exhibit, which is sponsored by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, features the works of artists who have had an orthopedic condition. The academy received 1,300 entries and Dr.

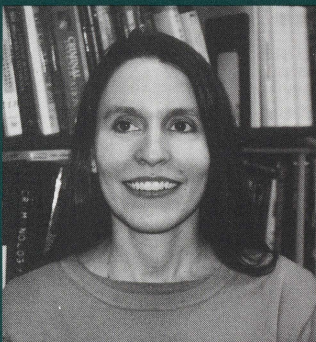
Hardaway got three of her beautiful braces assemblages accepted into the show. The exhibit is expected to come to Washington, D.C., this summer. Artwork that will be featured at the San Francisco exhibit can be viewed at [emotionpictures.aaos.org](http://emotionpictures.aaos.org)

MSSD senior **Bellamie Bachleda** received the Women's Sports Foundation's Scholar Sportswoman Award on February 6. The award is held in conjunction with the observance of

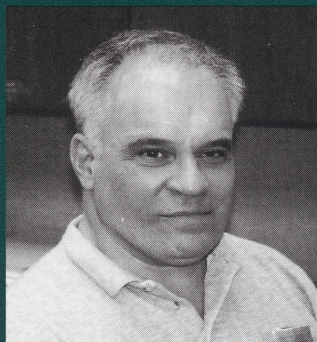
National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Bachleda also competes in basketball and softball, but she is best known for her volleyball prowess. She was an all-Independent School League selection and part of MSSD's three consecutive deaf national championship teams. In the classroom, Bachleda carries a 3.4 GPA, and was a member of the national championship MSSD Academic Bowl team last year.

## ROVING REPORTER

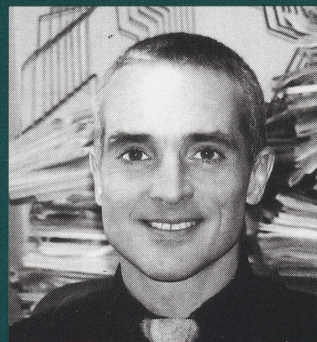
On Feb. 21, The United States Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, ruled in favor of the states and turned down part of the ADA by not allowing state employees to pursue ADA disputes on the federal level. How do you think will this effect the deaf community?



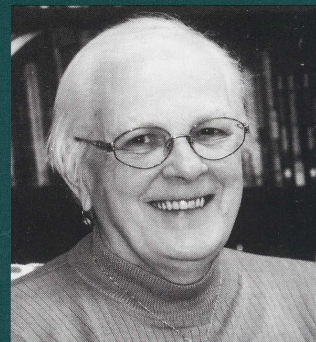
**Margaret Weigers, assistant professor, Sociology Department (Criminology Program):**  
*This Supreme Court decision is a serious blow for our community. We can still fight against unfair treatment in state-level criminal justice proceedings through the 8th and 14th Amendments. But I encourage students to learn about their rights, and the criminal justice system, and then help fight for state-level "ADA" laws that will restore the protections we've just lost.*



**Art Roehrig, human development counselor, Office of Students with Disabilities:**  
*It is a terrible decision. Now it will be hard for us to get an interpreter when we go to the hospital, etc. It could make us second-class citizens again. I'm very disappointed about it.*



**Tom Baldrige, associate professor, Department of Business Administration, Economics, and Finance:**  
*Everyone suffers when prejudice is allowed to perpetuate. Hearing/deaf, disabled/differently abled, we all benefit when civil rights enable everyone to participate in society. Now a one-vote majority of the Supreme Court cripples one of the noblest social enactments of all time. It is illogical, unethical, and bad law. First they pick the president, then they stifle Congress's power to make noble laws. What will they do next?*



**Mary Malzkunn, professor, History and Government Department**  
*It would appear that the United States Supreme Court in its 5-4 decision has eroded the ADA to some extent. However, from what I 'heard' from President Bush on his recent nationwide TV address to Congress, it is obvious that he is very supportive of the ADA, which was signed by his father, George H. W. Bush. The effect on the Deaf Community remains to be seen.*



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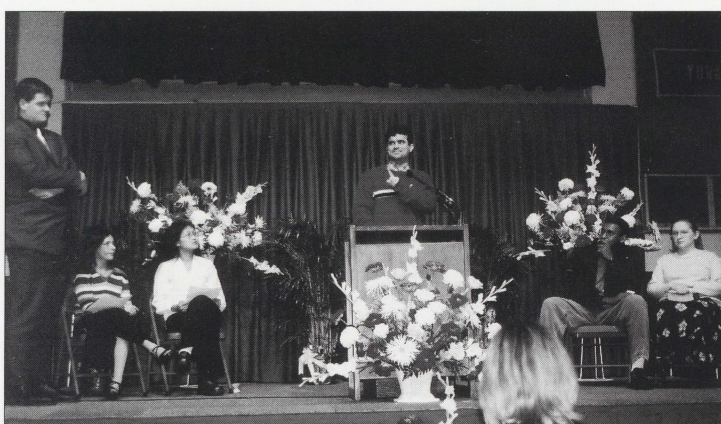
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Fellow students who were close friends of Ben Varner share fond memories with the audience. From left are: SBG President Chris Soukup, who introduced the speakers at the event, Casey Przygoda, Sui Cer, Jamal Al-Naqbi, Mohammed Del, and Elisha Robinson.

## Memorial service

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He asked me so many questions, and I was shocked by his knowledge of the Koran and the Muslim religion," said Al-Naqbi. "Ben wrote Arabic very well. He told me his goal was to marry a Muslim woman."

Dr. Tonya Stremmlau, assistant professor of English, said, "I enjoyed working with Ben. He worked hard. Ben knew how to make bagels from scratch, and his favorite book was *Fried Green Tomatoes*."

According to Dr. Susan Burch, Varner's history instructor, "Everyday in class Ben would have more questions. He had an insatiable thirst for knowledge." Varner didn't forget his roots, said Burch. "It was very clear Ben loved Texas. Ben gave a presentation on the Alamo last semester which was the most pleasant and fun I've ever seen." She said she

would never forget having the opportunity to teach a person like Benjamin Varner. "I will always be grateful for his ideas and questions. Ben was a joy!"

Varner's sister, Jennifer, told the audience in a very moving speech that she misses her brother. After they returned to San Antonio from Washington D.C., she sat in his room. After looking through his books, she felt at peace. "It is okay. Ben is in heaven," she said. "My family wants to thank the D.C. police and the FBI for solving this case," she added.

Jennifer Varner added that it was time to move on and not let this tragedy consume her or her family. "I choose to see goodness out of this tragedy. I have forgiven his killer because Ben told me to," she said.

In Benjamin Varner's and Eric Plunkett's memory, a Yoshimo cherry tree will be planted on the grassy knoll near Elstad Auditorium. **G**



Willie Varner, Ben's father, speaks to reporters following the memorial service. Also pictured are Jennifer Varner (left), Ben's sister, and Diane Varner, his mother.

## Eddie Bauer

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from the Public Affairs Office of Eddie Bauer, "When we heard that the police were not allowing the students to enter their rooms, we saw clearly their need for some normalcy, even in the face of the tragedy. We were happy and pleased to be able to make a positive impact for the students."

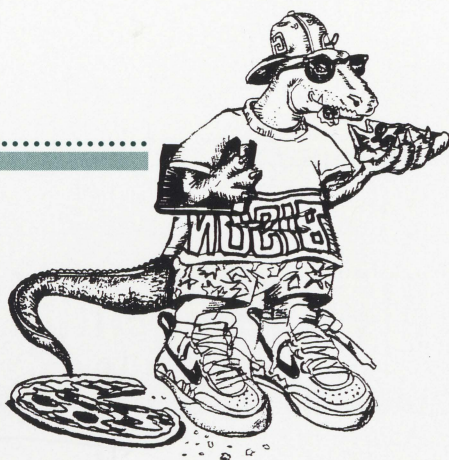
According to Bayne, "We at Eddie Bauer were very flattered that of all the retailers we know to

be popular among young people, Eddie Bauer was approached as a company that would be able to meet their needs."

Freshman Stephen Farias, a student who lived on the fourth floor of Cogswell and a recipient of clothes from Eddie Bauer, said it was a very exciting day when he got his new clothes. "Eddie Bauer is a big time clothing company and for them to give us clothes when we didn't have any and without us having to ask for it was very generous of them. My

floor mates and myself appreciated the gesture. It was very noble of them."

Bayne said, "Our hearts went out to all those touched by these tragedies. Because we have had a longstanding relationship with Gallaudet, we were eager to help those students blocked from their dormitory. We will continue to support Gallaudet, and we sincerely hope that the campus and its supporters will be able to continue the healing process." **G**



## Stu • dent • sau • rus

(stōo • dant • soar • us) n. 1. a special breed of inquisitive men and women who Gallaudet recruits, retains, and educates. 2. pizza-eaters.

## William Garrow – snowboarder extraordinaire

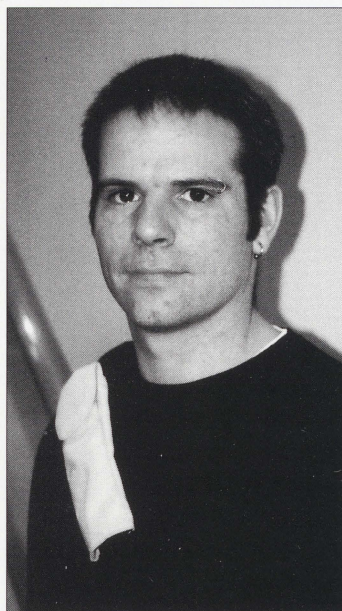
Hailing from Lake Placid, N.Y., site of the 1980 Winter Olympic Games, has given sophomore William Garrow plenty of opportunities to improve his skills on the ski slopes. And that he did, becoming a professional snowboarder.

Garrow has performed in three snowboarding movies—*Snow Riders*, *Snow Riders II*, and *Fifty*. Warren Miller Films produced all three movies. Miller has made movies for over 50 years, and the movie *Fifty* is a celebration of that milestone. The movie showcased top international skiers and snowboarders at some of the world's most exotic locations, including Blue River, British Columbia; Cotopaxi, Ecuador; Chamonix, France; and Innsbruck, Austria.

Garrow has been asked to perform in other movies, but he has turned down the offers because he is now focusing on being a full-time student. Also taking away from his time on the movie set are his duties as coach of the U.S. snowboarding team that will perform in Sweden at the 2003 Deaf Winter Olympics. "I'm super-excited about it," said Garrow. "It gives me the chance to combine two cultures—snowboard culture and deaf culture—that I'm involved in."

There is one more thing about Garrow. He is among the three hearing undergraduate students (HUGs) enrolled at Gallaudet this semester through a new pilot program. But that is fine with Garrow. "All my friends are deaf. My roommate at North Carolina University at Greensboro (where Garrow transferred from) is deaf. It was my dream to come to Gallaudet," he said.

Being a HUG has not been a problem for Garrow. "It has been great so far! I don't hide it from anyone. I tell them who I am,"



William Garrow

explained Garrow. It would be hard to point Garrow out on campus, because he has excellent signing skills and he fits in naturally with the rest of the student body.

Garrow, who is majoring in deaf studies and ASL, is an avid reader of books by Dr. Benjamin Bahan, chair of the Deaf Studies Department. "I want to get my Ph.D. in linguistics, and I've read all of Ben Bahan's books," he said. "I am excited about getting the opportunity to study under him at Gallaudet."

For someone who has mastered going down a mountain at high speeds on a snowboard, Garrow will surely adapt to the challenges at Gallaudet just fine. **G**



Dr. William McCrone (right), outgoing dean of the School of Education and Human Services, congratulates Dr. Michael Karchmer, a professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research, for 25 years of service to the University.

## NOTES FROM PERSONNEL

### Service awards for January

#### Five years:

**Benjamin Bahan**, chair, Deaf Studies Program

#### Ten years:

**Marilyn Estes**, coordinator of acquisitions, Library; **Lisa Pugh**, clinical social worker, Mental Health Center

#### Fifteen years:

**Barry White**, coordinator of academic production, TV and Media Production Services

#### Twenty years:

**Victoria Sealock**, administrative secretary II, Athletics; **Gerald**

**Larkins**, custodian/floor maintenance, Custodial Services

### New employees hired in January

**Melvin McDonald**, campus security officer, DOSS; **Joshua Hughes**, scheduler, GIS; **Meloyde Batten-Mickens**, manager, Networks and Communications; **Christina Teh**, Admissions Office counselor

### Promotions in January

**Eva Headley**, Development Office associate for research/information management





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## CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

### Gallaudet National Essay Contest judges announced

By Cathryn Carroll and Susan Flanigan

This year's Gallaudet National Essay Contest for deaf and hard of hearing teens has attracted over 100 entries. Contestants, who wrote on the topic of "A Life Turning Point," range in age from 13 to 19.

"Some of the entries are fascinating," said Catherine Valcourt, production editor for *World Around You*, the national magazine for deaf and hard of hearing teenagers published by the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center. Valcourt is cataloging the entries for judging. "Students wrote about a variety of life-changing experiences, and they often showed a lot of guts and creativity in how they dealt with them," she said.

Judging for the contest will

take place at the end of March.

The judges for this year's contest are Gallaudet English Department faculty members Nancy Kensicki, professor, Jane Nickerson, associate professor, and Karen Kimmel, assistant professor. Nickerson and Kimmel have written the *World Around You: Teacher's Guide* for several years.

The winning essays will be published in the May/June 2001 issue of *World Around You*.

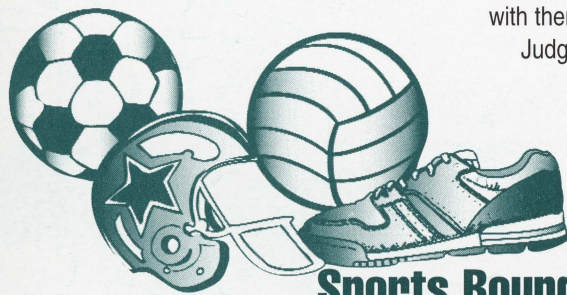
Contest winners will receive scholarship money for college, with \$1,000 being awarded for first place. All scholarship awards will be doubled for winners who choose to attend Gallaudet University. The University and the Clerc Center sponsor the Gallaudet National Essay Contest to support student achievement and literacy development. **G**

hosted a tough Salisbury State squad, and despite an outstanding game from rapidly improving freshman Frank Jackson, Gallaudet was on the short end of a 78-64 score. Jackson made 10 out of 15 field goals to finish with 25 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore guard Jeremias Valencia also played an outstanding game, scoring 13 points, handing out nine assists, and making five steals. Defensive specialist Elad Rathe made four steals, scored six points, and grabbed five rebounds.

On February 17, Senior Day, the Bison lost to Mary Washington 71-57. Brandon Janky, the lone senior on the team this year, was honored at a pre-game ceremony by Men's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director Jimmy DeStefano. With his mother, father, sister, and brother at his side, Janky was paid tribute for his outstanding contributions to the men's basketball program at Gallaudet.

In their February 20 play-off game against crosstown rival Catholic, the Bison were defeated 96-60 to finish the season 5-20.

In his first season at the collegiate level, freshman Frank Jackson was the Capital Athletic Conference's second-leading scorer with 18.3 points per game, third leading rebounder with 8.3 rebounds per game, and was second in the conference with a 54.6 percent field goal percentage. Sophomore Jeremias Valencia was seventh in the conference with 16.1 points per game, third with 5.21 assists per game, and first with 2.38 steals per game. **G**



## Sports Roundup

By David Tossman

### Women's Basketball

Senior guard Touria Ouahid played her final home game for Gallaudet February 17 against Mary Washington in her usual thrilling fashion, scoring 24 points, dishing out three assists, and making two steals. Ouahid has had an outstanding career at Gallaudet, scoring over 2,000 points—only the second player in Gallaudet history to do so—with Ronda Jo Miller making the same accomplishment last year.

Before the game, Ouahid was honored at a ceremony hosted by Women's Basketball Coach Kitty Baldrige and Athletic Director Jimmy DeStefano for her contributions to the woman's basketball program. Ouahid also was paid tribute for her positive attitude and perseverance. Baldrige remarked how she has been delighted to coach such a hard worker with a positive attitude, as well as an outstanding player who has been named All-Conference twice in her career. Ouahid ended the season as the conference's leading scorer in three major categories, averaging 22.6 points per game, 5.84 assists per game, and 3.80 steals per game.

Despite Ouahid's outstanding game, the Bison lost 85-64 to Mary Washington to end the regular season 7-18, including 2-12 in the Capital Athletic Conference.

In a make-up game, Ouahid scored 33 points in an 86-74 loss to Catholic on February 12.

Ouahid also was the game's leading rebounder with 10. Freshman guard Amy Mowl added 14 points, and junior center Courtney Westberg scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds. Westberg also had an outstanding season, leading the conference in field goal percentage at 48.6, and coming in fourth with 8.1 rebounds per game, and 0.84 blocks per game.

The highlight of the week was a home game on Valentine's Day when Ouahid scored her 2,000th career point against Salisbury State, the nation's 18th ranked team, and the top team in the Capital Athletic Conference. Despite having four players scoring in double figures, the Bison lost the game, 82-76. Mowl led the team with 19 points, eight rebounds, four steals, and four assists in her best all-around game to date. Freshman Kristin Feldman added 14 points, and Westberg scored 14 points, grabbed 14 rebounds, and dished out five assists. Ouahid scored 13 points.

In their first round play-off game February 20 against Salisbury State, the Bison were defeated 105-64. In her final game in a Gallaudet uniform, Ouahid scored 26 points, handed out five assists, and made three steals.

### Men's Basketball

On Valentine's Day, the men



## WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHEN

### March:

**8-Baseball vs. Chesapeake College, 2 p.m.; Softball vs. Hood College, 3 p.m.**

**10-Baseball vs. Mary Washington (doubleheader), 1 p.m.**

**11-Baseball vs. Christendom College (doubleheader), 12 p.m.**

**12-16-Spring Break**

**12-"Introduction to Microsoft," workshop.** Learn basic features and functions; creating, editing, and formatting a document; creating a multiple page report; and desktop publishing a newsletter; \$195. To register, e-mail marylou.novitsky@gallaudet.edu or call x8-6068 (TTY) or x8-6060 (TTY/Voice).

**13-14-"Beginning/Intermediate Microsoft Access," workshop.** Covers database management concepts and functions using Microsoft Access, including developing skills in creating a database and retrieving information from the database; \$295. To register, e-mail marylou.novitsky@gallaudet.edu or call x8-6068 (TTY) or x8-6060 (TTY/Voice).

**14-"Turning a Page Together: Reading for Community," book discussion group, upstairs Cafeteria, 12-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m.** For more information, e-mail msp.office@gallaudet.edu, or call x5465. Sponsored by the Forging Connections Grant.

**15-16-"Coldfusion," workshop.**

Familiarity with HTML and a web creation package such as Microsoft FrontPage, and Microsoft Access are prerequisites. Learn simple and easy development of web sites with server-side databases for browsing, updating, and modification; MS Access will be the database used for this workshop; \$295. To register, e-mail marylou.novitsky@gallaudet.edu or call x8-6068 (TTY) or x8-6060 (TTY/Voice).

**21-"Turning a Page Together: Reading for Community," book discussion group, upstairs Cafeteria, 12-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m.** For more information, e-mail msp.office@gallaudet.edu or call x5465. Sponsored by the Forging Connections Grant. "CODA's, and Identity," Ely Auditorium, 7-9 p.m. GIS interpreter Tom Bull will discuss culture, lifestyle, and other issues facing CODA's (Children of Deaf Adults). Sponsored by Multicultural Student Programs. Softball vs. Catholic, 3 p.m.; Women's Tennis vs. College of Notre Dame, 3 p.m.

**22-23-"Learning Effective Communication: The Intentional Dialogue," workshop.** Intentional Dialogue is a unique communication method that uses three steps: mirror, validate, and empathize to improve communication skills, enrich relationships, experience emotional growth, and make effective requests for behavior changes from others; \$295. To register, e-mail marylou.novitsky@gallaudet.edu or call x8-6068 (TTY) or x8-6060 (TTY/Voice).



Members of the women's basketball team congratulate senior guard Touria Ouahid (#14) after she scored her 2,000 career point on February 14 against Salisbury State. Beside Ouahid is Head Coach Kitty Baldrige. Also pictured are, from left: Assistant Head Coach Ben Baylor, Erin Moran (20), Courtney Westberg, Reagan Anders, Cassey Ellis, Kristen Feldman, Amy Mowl, and scorekeeper Chuck Rubisch.